

Aquatics FAQs

Q: Which level should I register my child for?

A: In the Activities Guide we have specific detailed descriptions of what each class offers and also the age requirement for the class.

Q: How can I schedule private swim lessons?

A: Through Howard County Recreation and Parks at 410-313-2764. Once Registered, the Private Swim Coordinator will call you with specific time of availability.

Q: Can I bring floatation devices to the pool?

A: Yes, they must be US Coast Guard Approved (i.e. floaters and life jackets).

Q: What are the requirements for the swim test?

A: To swim unassisted for 25 yards non-stop and tread water for 30 seconds.

Q: What do I have to do to become a Lifeguard?

A: Participants must pass a pre-course screening by swimming 300 yards continuously as follows: 100 yards front crawl with rhythmic breathing and stabilizing kicks, 100 yards of breaststroke with a pull, breath, kick and glide sequence and 100 yards of front crawl, breaststroke or a combination of both. Participants must be able to start in the water, swim 20 yards of front crawl or breaststroke, surface dive 7-10 feet, retrieve a 10-pound brick, return to surface, swim 20 yards back to the starting point with the object and exit the water without the use of the ladder or steps within 1 minute and 40 seconds. We only offer these classes for Spring and Fall.

Q: Can I rent the pool?

A: No.

Q: Where can I find the swim lesson schedule?

A: www.howardcountymd.gov/rap . You will find the schedule in the Activities Guide.

Q: When is the Roger Carter Community Center open for public swim?

A: You can pick up a drop-in schedule at the front desk at any time or online at www.howardcountymd.gov/rccc.htm Furthermore, once you call 410-313-2764 press option 3 for daily updates and schedule changes.

Q: My child took lessons at a swim school elsewhere. What level is that in your program?

A: In the Activities Guide we have specific detailed descriptions of what each class offers. If you have any further questions please call 410-313-2765.

Q: Can I bring my child in for an evaluation to determine which level to register for?

A: Yes, if an assistant manager is available they can give your child an assessment to see where your child will be ranked.

Q: Can we bring food and/or drinks to the pool?

A: Yes, as long as it's 5ft away from the edge of the deck. Glass containers are strictly prohibited in the pool area.

Q: Can we have a small party at the pool?

A: No. The pool is reserved for party packages only. You are more than welcome to access our Party

Request form at

http://howardcountymd.gov/uploadedFiles/Home/Facilities/Recreation_and_Parks/RCCC%20Birthday%20Form.pdf or ask the front desk staff for more information regarding these packages.

Q: Why do I have to pay the drop-in fee to observe my children in the pool area?

A: The lifeguards and management staff are responsible for the safety of every person in the aquatics facility including the pool, pool deck, sun deck, and splash pad.

Q: Can I observe my children in the pool from the lobby area?

A: Children 16 years and older may be at the pool without parental supervision. Anyone 15 years or younger must have a parent or guardian over the age of 18 years present with them at all times.

Q: After my swim lessons or classes, am I allowed additional time in the pool to practice swimming?

A: Only if you have a membership with Roger Carter Community Center. If not, then you will have to pay the \$5.00 drop-in rate before you can swim.